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Title:

METHOD OF CONTROLLING PRINTING APPARATUS, METHOD OF GENERATING RECEIPT PRINT DATA, PROGRAM. PRINTER DRIVER. **PRINTING MERCHANDISE** APPARATUS, SALES DATA

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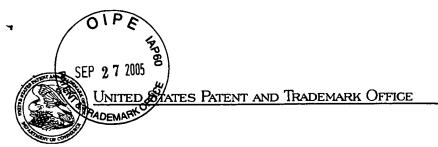
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